



## MaryEllen (Puglio) DeCarlo

November 6, 1942 - April 12, 2013

MaryEllen (Puglio) DeCarlo, age 70, went home to be with the Lord when she passed away on Friday, April 12, 2013 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse with the love and support of her family.

Born in Utica on November 6, 1942, MaryEllen was the daughter of the late John R. and Jasmine (Cavallo) Puglio. She also knew the love of her aunt Annabel (Cavallo) Puglio. She was raised and educated locally until the age of 15 when she graciously fulfilled the wishes of her parents to attend the Knox School for Girls in Long Island. It was there that she took advantage of mastering the game of tennis and competing at the state level, as well as becoming proficient at horseback riding English saddle. She attended Western College for Women in Ohio and returned to Utica where she pursued academic studies for a career as a Radiology Technician. As a licensed X-ray Technician, MaryEllen held a number of positions locally beginning at Oneida County and St. Joseph's Hospital. Later, she worked at Children's Hospital, the office of Dr. Robert MacCallum & Dr. Harold Heintz, and lastly a full time position at Faxton Hospital, retiring in 1985.

MaryEllen extended her energies to her children's everyday events with encouragement and pride. A highly motivated matriarch, she was selfless in her devotion to her family in providing a home and upbringing. She was blessed with the attributes of being loving, supportive, caring, and understanding. Among the most special accomplishments of her life were raising her 3 sons and owning her own home, both of which she cared for with

great pride. She presented herself with confidence, kindness, and openness to others, and the friendships she made were like family. A caretaker by nature, she offered her skills to Hospice and Palliative Care in the coordination of patient care. MaryEllen earned the recognition of NY State Volunteer-of-the-Year in 2008. The birth of her granddaughter revitalized her energies and she cherished her little “petunia” who lovingly addressed her as “Nonnie”; the two shared a wonderful and fulfilling bond. She truly enjoyed the outdoors and the sport of fishing which she shared with her sons, as well as gardening where she was “one with the soil”. She prepared fabulous fare inspired by her grandmother Puglio, and was content and happy of heart when her children gathered to share her homemade meals.

At one time, MaryEllen was a member of the New Hartford Lions Club Auxiliary and served as treasurer for the organization. She felt a synergy and love for Syracuse basketball and was especially proud of their performance this year. A woman of deep faith and a devout Roman Catholic, MaryEllen loved to attend novenas and was a member of St. Thomas Church.

MaryEllen is survived by her sons and their families, Peter J. DeCarlo and fiancée Heather M. Galinski of Clinton, Mark A. DeCarlo of New Hartford, and Jonathan P. DeCarlo and Ronny Zarb-Cousin of Colorado; and her precious granddaughter, Zoe Marie DeCarlo. A dog lover, she held a place in her heart for her past pets, Bing, Buddy, and Patches, and she currently knew the companionship of Yogi. Also left to remember her are her dear cousins the Curcio family, whom she loved deeply. She also leaves her friend, Pamela Mason, who was endeared to MaryEllen; Bill and Anita Baldwin with whom she shared a passion and friendship that endured; her special group of girlfriends, and the friends of her sons with whom she shared a special bond. She was predeceased by Joe and Ann Torchia who she loved as a second set of parents.

The family extends appreciation to Dr. James Hyla, Dr. George Kozminski, Dr. Jeffrey Kirshner, Dr. Robert Menotti; a team of physicians who brought MaryEllen guidance and much comfort. Thanks also to Father David Sears for

his spiritual guidance.

The family will honor MaryEllen's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend MaryEllen's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday morning at 11:30 at St. Thomas Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. David Sears. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society, Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., or Lupus Foundation of America/Marguerite Curri Chapter; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will take place graveside in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of MaryEllen (Puglio) DeCarlo



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Peter, Mark & Jonathan,  
*We are deeply saddened at the passing of your Mother, our friend, Mary Ellen. Our hearts are reaching out to yours with love, with sympathy, with caring. Your mother lived an honorable and remarkable life that touched many. The many valued and meaningful roles that she exemplified were respect, honesty, pride, independence, loyalty, and integrity. These attributes defined her life. Her defiance in the face of illness and refusal to succumb to her illnesses that would make many bitter, were extraordinary. Her commitment and devotion to family and friends were the foundation of her actions. She took tremendous pride in the accomplishments of her family and friends. She had great expectations for those she loved, and held them accountable while nurturing their abilities. She accepted the best parts of you while encouraging you to overcome obstacles in your life. A strong, independent and intelligent woman with a tremendous passion; she inspired me! We ar happy she was able to see a grandchild, a granddaughter, which is the crowning achievment for any grandparent. We feel fortunate to have know her, and are sharing in your loss. God Bless. With Love, Kris, Tony, and Boys*

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**Kris Putrelo** - April 16, 2013 at 07:52 PM

BC

“ *To Jonathan and family,  
We send our sincerest sympathy and all our love and prayers to you  
all during this difficult time. We have made a contribution to the  
Lupus Foundation of America in memory of MaryEllen.*

*Love,  
Your Denver Pres Family*

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**Bill Connors** - April 16, 2013 at 05:05 PM

MO

“ *Mark and family , my thoughts are with you.*

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**Monique** - April 15, 2013 at 11:55 PM

  
Venessa  
Koenig

“ *Peter,  
~sending prayers of healing and comfort your way~ I am so sorry  
that you have lost your mom, may her spirit and love surround you  
now and always~  
With Love,  
Venessa*

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**Venessa Koenig** - April 15, 2013 at 08:03 PM

SS

“ Peter, Mark, Jonathan

*Having been a member of MaryEllen's circle of friends for 40+ years, I mourn the loss*

*of an amazing woman who dealt with adversity with courage and steadfastness. She*

*was always the first one to help if she thought you needed a hand, bringing food and her*

*wonderful spirit to share in your celebrations and your times of sadness. You were all*

*blessed to have had a mom with strong values and undying love. This will comfort and*

*encourage you in these difficult days ahead. She has left us all with fond memories*

*which will never be forgotten. In sympathy*

*Sharon Sylvester*

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**Sharon Sylvester** - April 15, 2013 at 03:56 PM

WH

“ *Pete, Heather, Mark and Jonathan,  
When you feel the pain as much as you are now and will in the future, remember what is really causing it. The reason you feel how you do is because you were fortunate enough to have been brought into this world and raised by such a beautiful, loving person. At the moment it may seem like she has left you and that she physically has, but she has also left you with values and memories that will last forever. Your Mom was one of the nicest people I have ever met, the kind of person that would help anyone she could even when she was suffering. She was able to teach you guys great family values and that will go on for generations. We will all miss her very much may God bless her soul.  
Love You Guys!  
Walt Humphrey*

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**Walt & Deb Humphrey** - April 15, 2013 at 01:58 PM

GS

“ *Peter, Mark, Jonathan and families*

*Sending all my love and sympathy to you all. I will miss your Mom very much. She always had a special wink and laugh for me and I have such great memories of all of us growing up together. It was so beautiful that you included my amazing grandparents in Aunt Mar's obituary--they loved her as a daughter, just as she loved them, and I know they are all together now, watching over all of us.*

*It's so hard to be so far away when all we want to do is be there for you. Please know that you are in our hearts and we will be thinking of you and keeping you all in our prayers.*

*Peace and love,*

*Ginny*

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**Ginny Suhr** - April 15, 2013 at 01:54 PM

TC

“ *Pete, Mark and Jonathan,  
We were very saddened to receive the news, as one of the truly wonderful people in the world is now looking down at us from above instead of personally engaging us with: her welcoming smile; her sharp, candid, humorous commentary; and, above all, her indomitable spirit. We will remember her for all of these things, as well as her tireless support and encouragement, genuine concern for others and, of course, her incomparable, delectable cooking! Bless her beautiful soul.  
Our thoughts are with you all.  
With only the fondest memories,  
Todd, Julianna and the boys*

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**Todd Cleveland** - April 15, 2013 at 11:17 AM

JM

“ *We will always remember your mom's loving spirit and wonderful smile. She always spoke words that were loving and uplifting... Just wanted to share that.*

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**James and Megan Morris** - April 15, 2013 at 09:51 AM

MM

“ *Pete, Heather, and Zo Zo,  
  
We are so sorry for the loss of you mom (and Nannie). We are praying that you would find true peace and comfort during this time... May God surround you with His grace and love and strengthen you during this difficult time... We love you guys and are here if you ever need anything.... <3  
Prayers, Hugs, and Love,  
The Morris Family  
Jim, Meg, and HannahBug*

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**Megan Morris** - April 15, 2013 at 09:49 AM

WB

“ *Pete & Heather,  
We can only imagine the pain you are going through. A beautiful  
soul has passed, but the memories shall never fade. Be strong.  
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Wayne & Tracy Bearse*

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**Wayne & Tracy Bearse** - April 15, 2013 at 09:31 AM

MM

“ *Pete, Heather and Zo Zo,  
Wanting you to know that we are so sorry for your loss, we have  
been thinking of you and praying for comfort and peace for you all,  
daily...Although this is an inevitable part of life, for those left behind,  
it is devastating. But for Mary Ellen, it is the BEST part of life as she  
enters into her new life and receives her new Heavenly body and is  
in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ! I can not help but envision  
her laying eyes on Jacob and running over to him to scoop him up  
and lay kisses all over his face!!!  
We love you guys!  
Love,  
The Mancine's*

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**Matt and Melissa Mancine** - April 15, 2013 at 09:07 AM

DH

“ *Pete & Heather & Family,  
So sorry for the loss of your Mother, please accept our deepest sympathies.  
I remember the first time I met Mrs. D: we were out for dinner (the Italian Restuarant , of course, next to Cavallos) with Pete, Jonathan, and Walt. Right off the bat she was so warm, open and welcoming. I guess mostly because we spoke of italian food and traditions, but also because I think she got a kick out of my Bronx accent!!!  
She was a sweet lady and I got a kick out of her too.  
Remember all your good times, they'll carry you through!! If you need a little help from your friends-- we're here too!!!  
Love Mrs.D & yous,  
Deborah Humphrey*

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**Deb & Walt Humphrey** - April 14, 2013 at 10:33 PM

MA

“ *Dear Peter and Family, Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your Mother. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Mike and Mary Ellen Arcuri.*

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**Mike and Mary Ellen Arcuri** - April 14, 2013 at 08:34 AM